

representing data

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How memory works

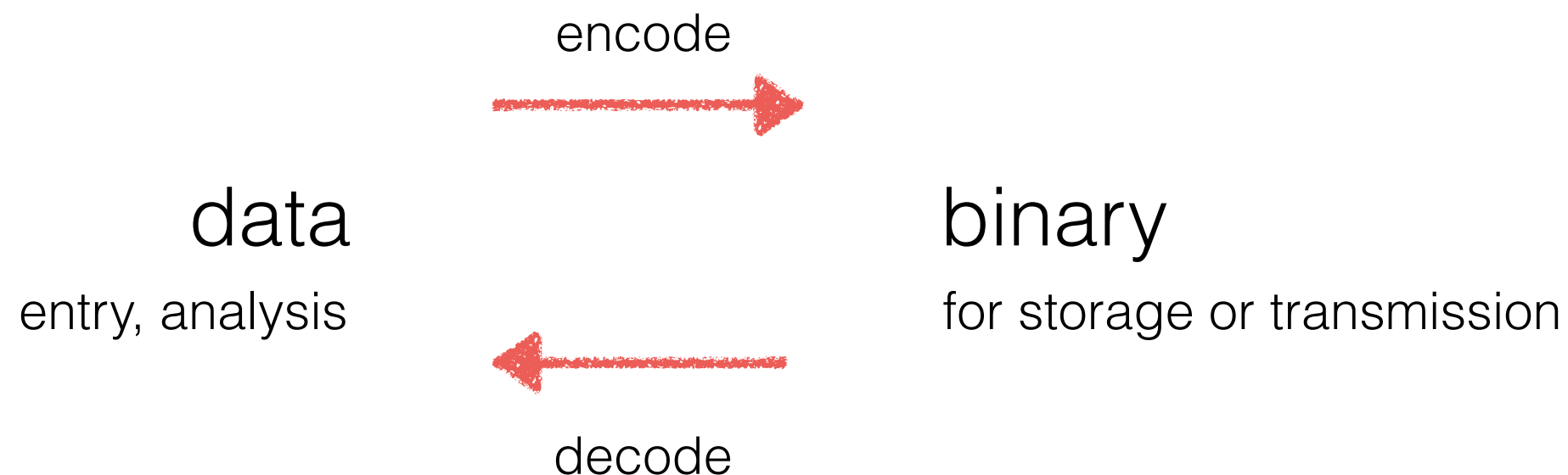
01011100 10110101 11011011 00001111 10101010

bit: A **b**inary **dig**it, with the value 0 or 1.

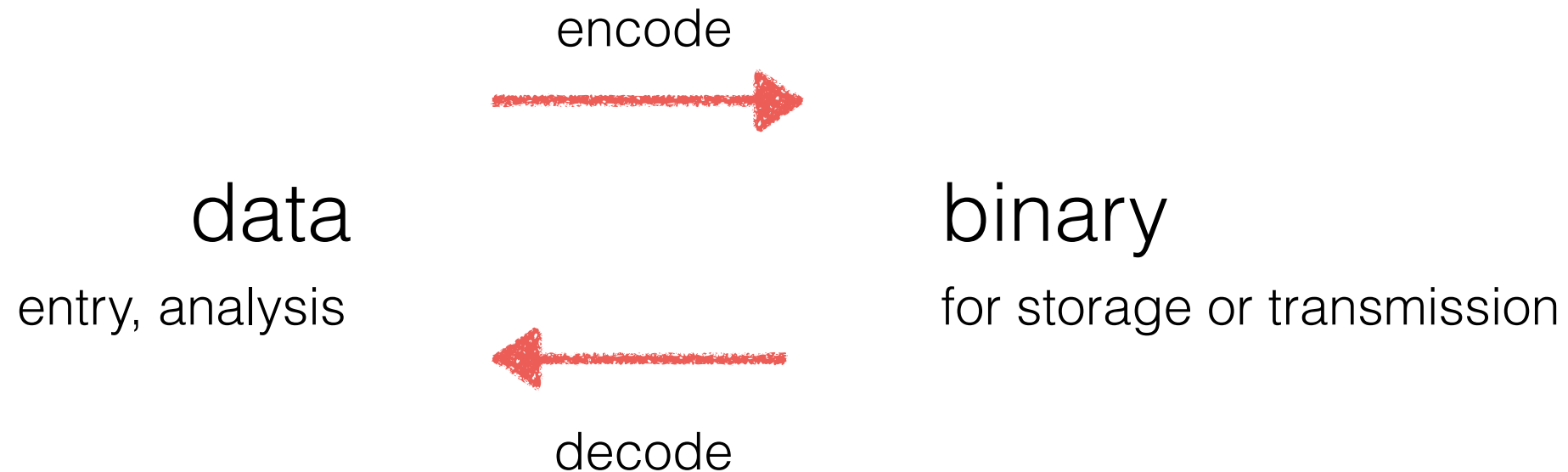
byte: A group of 8 bits

address: the index of the byte

Random Access Memory: constant time access



binary is a **uniform representation** of data
(humans use phonemes)



each data type needs its own not-so-secret code

01	01	11	00	10	11	01	01	11	01	10	11
b	b	d	a	c	d	b	b	d	b	c	d

Is this a good code for
representing string values?

code	value
00	a
01	b
10	c
11	d

each data type needs its own **code book**

string

ASCII (8 bits per character) or
unicode (8 to 42 bits per character)

integer

positive: binary counting
negative: two's complement, 64 bits

floating point (large or small, exponent)

IEEE floating point standard 754
standard for javascript, but inaccurate due to rounding

fixed point (high-speed traders use this)

Q (Q17.15 has 17 bits for integer, 15 bits for fraction)

ASCII Alphabet			
A	1000001	N	1001110
B	1000010	O	1001111
C	1000011	P	1010000
D	1000100	Q	1010001
E	1000101	R	1010010
F	1000110	S	1010011
G	1000111	T	1010100
H	1001000	U	1010101
I	1001001	V	1010110
J	1001010	W	1010111
K	1001011	X	1011000
L	1001100	Y	1011001
M	1001101	Z	1011010

Part of the ASCII alphabet

(from computerhistory.org)

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encryption: **symmetric** vs **asymmetric**



Simple **symmetric** encryption: a secret code book (pad)

Asymmetric encryption (RSA). *Choose two numbers.*

1. you give me your public number (public key)
2. I encrypt: math + your public number (public key)
3. you decrypt: math + your private number (private key)

amazingly, public key allows encryption but won't decrypt

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compression: zip, jpg, png, mp3, mpeg4

loss-less (zip, png)

frequency: why use 8 bits to represent e and q?

Shannon: how small can you make a file (re-zip?)

lossy (jpg, mp3, mpeg4)

compress some other nicely-compressible data

lose (or add?) high-frequency information

delta (mpeg4)

analyze repetition (between frames)

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Computer science is not about coding.

What is information? How much do you have? How do you keep it secret? How do you verify or error-check it?

Why is Hany Farid so excited about Benford's law?

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```
1 // create new empty objects for theDonald and hillary
2 var theDonald = {};
3 var hillary = {};
4
5 theDonald.party = "Republican";
6 theDonald.hairColor = "orange";
7 theDonald.age = 69;
8
9 hillary.party = "Democrat";
10 hillary.hairColor = "blonde";
11 hillary.age = 68;
12
13 print( JSON.stringify(theDonald) );
```

```
{"party": "Republican", "hairColor": "orange", "age": 69}
```

JSON is a set of rules for serialization.
So is XML. (So is HTML.)
So is csv.

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storing data with .csv files

world.csv	
1	Afghanistan,AFG,20038215159,31627506
2	Albania,ALB,13211513726,2894475
3	Algeria,DZA,213518000000,38934334
4	Arab World,ARB,2845790000000,385272539
5	Argentina,ARG,537660000000,42980026
6	Armenia,ARM,11644438423,3006154
7	Australia,AUS,1454680000000,23490736
8	Austria,AUT,436888000000,8534492
9	Azerbaijan,AZE,75198010965,9537823
10	Bahrain,BHR,33851063830,1361930
11	Bangladesh,BGD,172887000000,159077513
12	Belarus,BLR,76139250365,9470000
13	Belgium,BEL,531547000000,11225207
14	Bolivia,BOL,32996187988,10561887
15	Bosnia and Herzegovina,BIH,18286273233,3817554
16	Botswana,BWA,15813364345,2219937
17	Brazil,BRA,2346080000000,206077898

A1		Afghanistan			
	A	B	C	D	E
1	Afghanistan	AFG	2.0038E+10	31627506	
2	Albania	ALB	1.3212E+10	2894475	
3	Algeria	DZA	2.1352E+11	38934334	
4	Arab World	ARB	2.8458E+12	385272539	
5	Argentina	ARG	5.3766E+11	42980026	
6	Armenia	ARM	1.1644E+10	3006154	
7	Australia	AUS	1.4547E+12	23490736	
8	Austria	AUT	4.3689E+11	8534492	
9	Azerbaijan	AZE	7.5198E+10	9537823	
10	Bahrain	BHR	3.3851E+10	1361930	
11	Bangladesh	BGD	1.7289E+11	159077513	
12	Belarus	BLR	7.6139E+10	9470000	
13	Belgium	BEL	5.3155E+11	11225207	
14	Bolivia	BOL	3.2996E+10	10561887	
15	Bosnia and H	BIH	1.8286E+10	3817554	
16	Botswana	BWA	1.5813E+10	2219937	
17	Brazil	BRA	2.3461E+12	206077898	

What's missing from this representation?

A **schema** tells you the structure of the data.

“string: country, string: country abbreviation, number: GDP, number: population”

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unix terminal and filesystem

Grab data-examples.zip from top of lecture 4 notes and upload to main directory on c9.io. (No need to unzip yet.)

Now go to **bash** and type the command **ls** to list files

```
bash - "ubuntu@i × Immediate × Apache & PHP - × Apache & PHP - × (+)
devinbalkcom:~/workspace $ ls
README.md  data-examples.zip  hello-world.php  php.ini  provided-01.zip  test/
```

The unix command **unzip <filename>** unzips a file.

```
devinbalkcom:~/workspace $ unzip data-examples.zip
Archive:  data-examples.zip
  creating: data-examples/
  inflating: data-examples/countdown.php
  inflating: data-examples/countdown.py
  inflating: data-examples/db
  inflating: data-examples/myusers
  inflating: data-examples/README-SQL.txt
  inflating: data-examples/submit.php
  inflating: data-examples/world.csv
  inflating: data-examples/world.sqlite3
```

```
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README.md  data-examples/  data-examples.zip  hello-world.php  php.ini  provided-01.zip  test/
```

unix terminal and filesystem

`cd <directoryname>` changes the working directory.

```
devinbalkcom:~/workspace $ cd data-examples
devinbalkcom:~/workspace/data-examples $ ls
README-SQL.txt  countdown.php  countdown.py  db  myusers  submit.php  world.csv  world.sqlite3
devinbalkcom:~/workspace/data-examples $
```

side note. Why all the typing? Why are so many nerds using mac or linux? What is linux/unix anyway?

Ok, I'll be nice, use the mouse and c9.io interface to look at the contents of countdown.php.



unix terminal and filesystem

php <filename> runs php code.

```
devinbalkcom:~/workspace/data-examples $ php countdown.php
10
9
8
7
6
5
4
3
2
1
Blast off!
devinbalkcom:~/workspace/data-examples $
```

python <filename> runs python code.

```
devinbalkcom:~/workspace/data-examples $ python countdown.py
```

unix terminal and filesystem

command	what it does
<code>pwd</code>	print current directory
<code>ls</code>	list files in current directory
<code>cd dirname</code>	change to directory
<code>cd ..</code>	change to directory above this one
<code>mkdir dirname</code>	make a new directory
<code>touch filename</code>	make an empty directory
<code>mv filename1 filename2</code>	rename/ move a file
<code>cp filename1 filename2</code>	copy a file
<code>rm filename</code>	remove a file. (-r for directories)

Exercise: create a new directory **tempdir**, and a file **myfile.txt** within.

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databases

firstName	lastName	email	phone
Devin	Balkcom	devin.balkcom@dartmouth.edu	6-0272
Hany	Farid	hany.farid@dartmouth.edu	6-2761

A **table** is a collection of **rows**. Each row can be thought of as a record: a collection of related information.

Each **column** contains a field: data of a particular type.

relational database query: A search for values over one or more columns returns a set of rows.

creating a database with sqlite3

To create a database, sqlite3 <filename>.

Create a new database db.sqlite3 in data-examples now.

```
devinbalkcom:~/workspace/data-examples $ pwd
/home/ubuntu/workspace/data-examples
devinbalkcom:~/workspace/data-examples $ sqlite3 db.sqlite3
SQLite version 3.8.2 2013-12-06 14:53:30
Enter ".help" for instructions
Enter SQL statements terminated with a ";"
sqlite> █
```

Type:

```
CREATE TABLE professors (firstName text,
lastName text, email text, phone text);
```

creating a database with sqlite3

```
CREATE TABLE professors (firstName text,  
lastName text, email text, phone text);
```

- Notice that a file was just created: db.sqlite3
- You have created a table professors with four columns
- Each column is of type text
- Commands in sqlite end with a semicolon
- By convention, commands are capitalized.

Type **.tables** to list tables. You should have one: professors.

```
Enter SQL statements terminated with a ";"  
sqlite> .tables  
sqlite> CREATE TABLE professors (firstName text, lastName text, email text, phone text);  
sqlite> .tables  
professors  
sqlite> █
```

creating a database with sqlite3

Add a row with `INSERT INTO <table_name> VALUES (`

```
INSERT INTO professors VALUES ('Devin',  
'Balkcom', 'devin.balkcom@dartmouth.edu',  
'6-0272');
```

Verify that it worked:

```
SELECT * FROM professors;
```

```
sqlite> SELECT * FROM professors  
...> ;  
Devin|Balkcom|devin.balkcom@dartmouth.edu|6-0272  
sqlite> █
```

Add Hany's info now:

```
Hany|Farid|hany.farid@dartmouth.edu|6-2761
```

.commands in sqlite3

command	what it does
<code>.help</code>	Lists the .commands
<code>.quit</code>	c ya!
<code>.tables</code>	list tables
<code>.schema tablename</code>	list column names, types for table
<code>.open filename</code>	opens the database in filename

Notice, no save command. Saves immediately!

sqlite3 data types

Each value in an SQLite3 database has one of the following *storage classes*.

- NULL. The value has no value
- INTEGER. The value is a signed integer
- REAL. The value is a floating point value
- TEXT. The value is a text string
- BLOB. The value is a blob of data, stored exactly as input (image or music data is not text).

```
CREATE TABLE professors (firstName text,  
lastName text, email text, phone text);
```

sqlite3 primary key

The **primary key** is a column that uniquely identifies each row.

Last name is not a good primary key. SSN is, but private.

```
CREATE TABLE professors2 (id integer PRIMARY KEY  
AUTOINCREMENT, firstName text, lastName text, email text,  
phone text);
```

To insert:

```
INSERT INTO professors2 VALUES (NULL, 'Devin',  
'Balkcom', 'devin.balkcom@dartmouth.edu', '6-0272')
```

Add Hany to professors2 and select all.

a bigger example: world.sqlite3

```
sqlite> .open world.sqlite3
sqlite> .tables
world
sqlite> █
```

(To see how world.sqlite3 was created, go to README-SQL.txt)

a bigger example: world.sqlite3

CAIN: I'm ready for the 'gotcha' questions and they're already starting to come. And when they ask me who is the president of Ubeki-beki-beki-beki-stan I'm going to say, you know, I don't know. Do you know?

Let's see what we've got:

```
sqlite> .schema
CREATE TABLE world (country text, abbrev text, gdp real, population real);
sqlite> █
```

To get the whole table:

```
SELECT * FROM world;
```

```
Uzbekistan|62643953022.0
Vanuatu|814954307.0
Vietnam|186205000000.0
West Bank and Gaza|12737613125.0
Zambia|27066230009.0
Zimbabwe|14196912535.0
sqlite> █
```

To select a few columns

```
SELECT country, gdp FROM world;
```

selecting rows with WHERE

```
SELECT column FROM table WHERE condition;
```

Example:

```
SELECT population FROM world  
WHERE country = FRANCE;
```

Multiple columns and rows:

```
SELECT country, gdp FROM world  
WHERE population < 500000;
```

conditions in SQL

```
SELECT column FROM table WHERE condition;
```

We can use `BETWEEN x AND y` to narrow further:

```
SELECT country, gdp FROM world WHERE  
    population BETWEEN 500000 AND 1000000;
```

Logical operators AND and OR work:

```
SELECT country FROM world WHERE  
    population < 500000 AND gdp > 100000000;
```

Exercise: Tuvalu

Write an SQLite command that searches the table world for all countries with a gdp between 10 and 100 million. Your search should return the matching countries' 3-letter abbreviation.

```
SELECT abbrv FROM world WHERE gdp BETWEEN  
10000000 AND 100000000;
```

Nesting searches

Extract names of countries with population larger than France's:

First way: find the population of France with search (66206930), and then use that number (not nested):

```
SELECT country FROM world WHERE population > 66206930;
```

Second way: nest the searches

```
SELECT country FROM world WHERE population > (SELECT population FROM world WHERE country='France');
```

Aggregate (calculations on search results)

```
SELECT <command> FROM <table>;
```

Command is usually of the form FUNCTION(column).

```
SELECT SUM(population) FROM world;
```

```
SELECT MAX(gdp) FROM world;
```

```
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM world;
```

Exercise: wealthy countries

Write a nested search that lists the names and gdp's of all countries with above-average gdp. (Hint -- try something simple first, like computing average gdp.)

```
SELECT country,gdp FROM world WHERE gdp >
(SELECT AVG(gdp) FROM world);
```

```
sqlite> SELECT country,gdp FROM world WHERE gdp > (SELECT AVG(gdp) FROM world);
Arab World|2845790000000.0
Australia|1454680000000.0
Brazil|2346080000000.0
Canada|1785390000000.0
Central Europe and the Baltics|1457320000000.0
Euro area|1341020000000.0
European Union|1851420000000.0
France|2829190000000.0
Germany|3868290000000.0
Indonesia|888538000000.0
Italy|2141160000000.0
Japan|4601460000000.0
Korea|1410380000000.0
Mexico|1294690000000.0
Netherlands|879319000000.0
North America|1921010000000.0
Russian Federation|1860600000000.0
Spain|1381340000000.0
United Kingdom|2988890000000.0
United States|1741900000000.0
sqlite> □
```